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**A  
LETTER OF LOVE  
TO**



*The young convinced, of that blessed everlasting way  
of TRUTH and Righteousness now testified unto by  
the People of the Lord (call'd Quakers) of what Sex,  
age, and rank soever, in the Nations of England,  
Ireland, and Scotland, with the Isles abroad,*

*Spirituell refreshments, holy courage, and  
perfect Victory, from God the Father, and the  
Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.*

*My dearly beloved friends and brethren,*

**W**HO have been called by the eternall Spirit, unto  
an holy calling, out of all the pleasures, vanities,  
customs, profits and cares of this perishing polluted  
World, unto the pure knowledge of the invinsible

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God, and Jesus in you the hope of glory, which, to as many as believe and obey, is life Eternall; and who for that little beginning of your heavenly journey, have met with reproch, loss, suffering, and bitter tryalls; as one among you, and a Traveller with you, and therefore deeply sensible of your heaveie exercise, and bowed-down spirits, I am constrain'd, by the eternall Unction which we have received from on high to visit you in tender bowells of love unfained, beseeching you all in Gods most holy Fear and Council to stand fast and make your calling and election sure, which is not ( my dearest friends ) to those externall, and shaddowy services, that could never perfect as concerning the conscience, in which the worship of the Jews formerly, and the Nations now mostly doth consist. ( carnall and beggerly Elements indeed ) but to that Law in the heart, and spirit manifested in the inward parts, which is the substance of all. Here God is the Teacher of his people, and daylie does replenish his, with the irmediate Vertue of his own life; for God eternall is broken forth, and by the mighty power of his spiritual appearance is come, to stayne the beautie of all the inventions of superstitious men, and thereby to summon, all Nations, Kindreds, Tongues, and People, to Judgment, for their unrighteousness, that he alone may reigne King in the heart, where the Divell has hitherto had Dominion, that true Religion may consist in fearing him and working Righteousnes, by the powerfull operation of the Spirit of Jesus in them; which my dearly beloved freinds, with all singleness of heart lett us waite to be sensible of, that through the glorious rising of the pure power, of the everlasting God which is felt by



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by all the Children of the Light, we may be enabled to work out our great Salvation with fear & trembling: for great and weighty is the work of the All-mightie in this his day of appearance, even to adopt us Sonnes and Daughters of the most high, by a participation of his divine Nature, that as we have borne the Image of the earthly in pride, vanitie, wantonness, avarice, and all manner of impieties, and that whilst some of us were under great professions, and the continuall feasting on visible and elementary things: so, that now we may daylie experience, through obedience to that pure *Light and truth in the inward parts*, which leads to all *Meekness, Patience, and Purity*, the quickning of the new man, and sensibly witness a *bearing of the heavenly Image*, that so we may come to feel, *the peace that passeth the worlds understanding*, and our poor, tossed, tryed, and troubled spirits in good measure fix't and anchor'd, in the immovable and holy state, over all the glories & polutions of the world, that so nothing may ever-prevayle upon vs, to returne into our former ways, and lusts committed in our ignorance: for the over-flowing scourge of the All-mightie, will be upon the back of the Backslider, and his swift wrath will over-take the heart that saynts by the way; Yea better were it that such had never been visited, with the glorious day-spring from on high, nor been convinced by the powerfull perswasions of the Holy Spirit, concerning the pure eternall way of *T R U T H*; then afterwards to turn from it, and so trample the blood of that most excellent Covenant underfoot; Yea it will be the most dreadfull of all aggravations to their eternall woe and misery.

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And therefore *My Dear Friends*, let us not be discom-  
 forted under all our sharp and heaue exercises, whether  
 from within or without, for this I am fully perswaded  
 of, that the same pure principle of Light and Truth that  
 has appeared to give a certain discerning of our states  
 and conditions; & wrought a conuincement upon our un-  
 derstandings is able to give us that succour and support,  
 if our minds be but seriously stay'd thereon, as shall  
 sanctifie us throughout in body, soul, and spirit, and so  
 preserve us clean, to God over all.

And *My Dear Brethren*, let us not enter into any mur-  
 murings against the Lord, but be singly given up to know  
 his will and work done in us, that we perish not, as  
 those of old: And in the tender love of Jesus Christ I ear-  
 nestly entreat you, let us no more look back upon our  
 ancient pastimes and delights (but with holy resolution  
 press on, press on) for they will steal away our precious  
 souls, beget new desires, raise the old life, and finally en-  
 snare and pollute our minds again; and what will be the  
 end of such Rebellion, but woes and tribulations from  
 the hand of the just God, world without end. Neither  
 let us enter into many reasonings with opposers, for that's  
 the life Gods power is revealed to slay with the two edged  
 sword; for tis the still, the quiet, and the righteous life  
 which must be exalted over all. And this I say in a sound  
 understanding through the mercies of the Lord, that  
 deadness, darkness, and anguish of spirit, will be the end of  
 such disputing and pragmatieall Christians, Vwhose  
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on and conversion of their souls to God; and finally, we our selves, who have known some-thing more of the Lord, may also reduce our good conditions to an utter loss, by seeking to comprehend dubious matters in our understandings, & disputing about them with every opposer, the Devil in a way of temptation shall present to us, which does no ways advance our growth and encrease in the noble principle of Truth.

And I beseech you *my dear friends*, let not the fear of any externall thing overcome the holy resolutions we have made to follow the Lamb Christ Jesus, through all the tribulations, tryalls, and temptations, he and his followers ever met withall. O Let us be Valiant in Gods cause on earth who have but a short time & a few days to live.

And let the constancy of the world to the momentary fashions, pleasures, and pollutions of it, the more ardently stirr us up to express ours for the honour of our God against them all, who will reward us for whatsoever we bear, suffer, or part withall on his account. And therefore I beseech you let neither *Father nor Mother, Sister, nor Brother, Wife, nor Child, house nor Lands, liberties, nor life it selfe*, deterr us from our holy constancy but as the faithfull *Atients* did of old, *through Deserts, Wildernesses and solitary places, in Goat skins, and Sheep skins endure all torments, and bitter mockings, in this earthly pilgrimage, for the Inheritance that is Everlasting;* So *My dear Friends* let us do, as we have them for our example; however, let us be very carefull, to shew all due respect to our relations, not to be exalted, nor any ways unrulie, least there be just cause taken against us, & the blessed Truth should suffer;

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but in the still, retyr'd, holy, and patient life, this pure eternall principle of light and Truth (as seriously and diligently wayted on ) certainly brings into, let us all dwell and abide, so shall we feell the powerfull operations of Gods holy spirit, to the more compleat redeeming of our exercised souls from under the dominion of sin, and to the giving all of us a clearer understanding and sounder Judgement of those things that are to be parted from (as the *pleasures cares and customes* of the world, that stand in the fallne nature, and only nourish the same, but crucifie the self-denying Lord of glory ) and of the things of God, and his spirituall Kingdom which are to be adhered to, that in his pure wisdom which is from above, we may be all kept & preserved, over all the snares & temptations of the Adversarie, both on the right hand and on the left.

And as One that is a Traveller in this way, I even beseech, caution, and admonish you all in the holy awe of God, that you never forbear meeting and assembling of your selves with the holy *Remnant* amongst whom we first received our blessed Convincement. O! forever let us honour the Lords Truth, and those who do sincerely profess the the same! but more especially, such as were in Christ before us, for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

And let us be ware of lightness, jeasting or a careless mind which greives the holy Spirit, that stands ready to seal us unto the day of Our perfect Redemption, but let us be grave, weightie and temperate, keeping low in body as well as minde, that in all things we may be Examples, and a sweet favour for the God who hath loved and called us.

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And *My Dear Friends*, let us keep in the simplicity of the Cross of Jesus, even in plainness of speech and out of the worlds flattering and deceitfull respects, for we are as well to be a Cross in our garbs gates dealings and salutations, as Religion and worship to this vaine, adulterous and appostatiz'd Generation; so in the pure measure of Truth that hath been manifested to every particular, and has convinced us of the unrighteousness of the world, and the vanity and emptiness of all its professions of God, Christ, and Religion, O let us stand and abide! that we may feel it to be our refuge, and strong Tower, when the enemy shall approach, either by inward exercise, or outward bonds and sufferings, which in all likelihood will suddenly overtake us, for the tryall of our most pretious Faith; so shall we sensibly experience that heavenly blood of cleansing to stream therefrom, which onely can give remission, cleans from all sin, and finally purge the conscience from dead works to serve the liveing, everlasting, holy God Almighty, Lord of Hosts, King of Nations and King of Saints. And whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely and whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any vertue, if there be any prayse, O let us mind these things! and the God of peace, that has by his eternal quickning power rayseed Iesus in thousands from the dead, bless, accompany, and preserve us over all tryalls, and tribulations, unto his eternall habitations of rest, and glory.

Carberry in the County of Cork the 19th of  
12th 1669

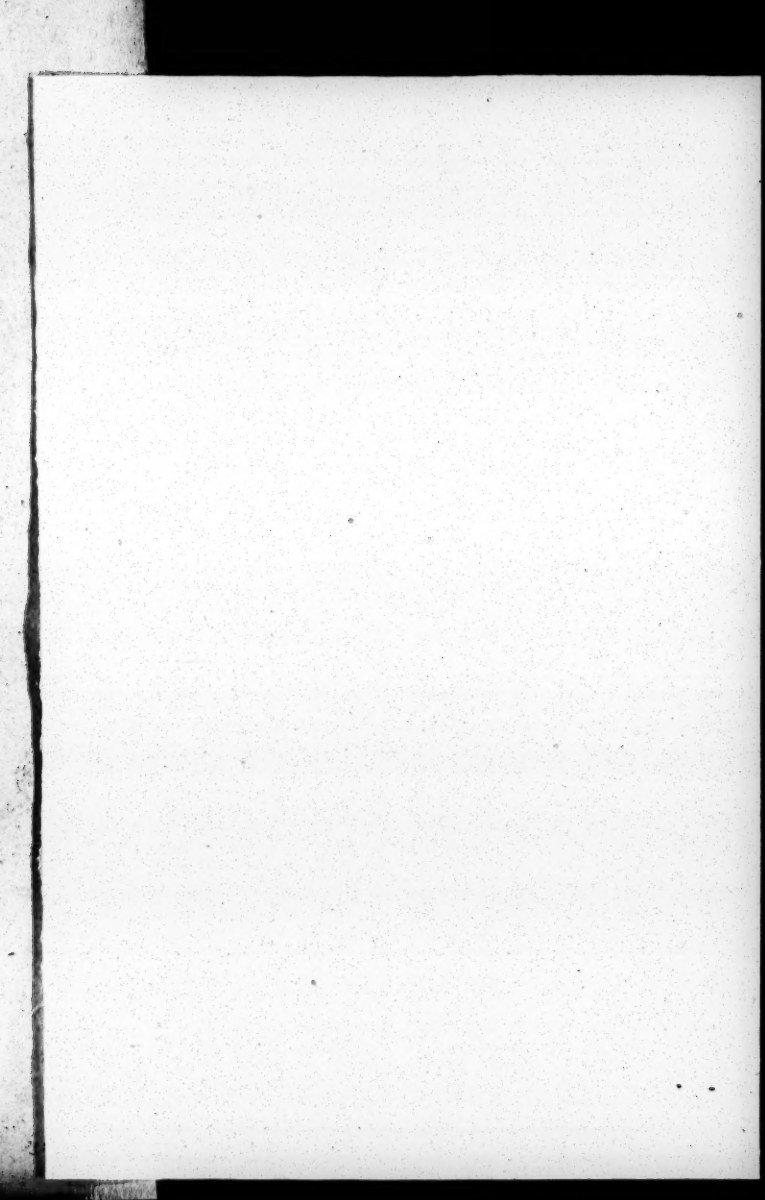
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Your little Brother & fellow-  
Travellour in the Kingdome &  
patience of Iesus our Lord.

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 and fellow in the Kingdom of  
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